

Preliminary Amendment for the present application. The original drawings filed in this application have a similar appearance to the enclosed drawings which are the correct drawings for the application. Thus, at pages 5-7 of the specification, FIGS. 1-14 are described, and throughout the specification the attached drawings are referenced and disclosed. The enclosed drawings are a true and correct copy of the drawings from which this application is a division, namely U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434, now U.S. Patent No. 5,766,238. It is respectfully requested that the enclosed drawings be considered in examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

*N. E.* In claim 33, line 1, delete "33" and insert --25--.

*N. E.* In claim 34, line 1, delete "34" and insert --26--; and delete "1" and insert --25--.

*N. E.* In claim 35, line 1, delete "35" and insert --27--; and delete "1" and insert --25--.

*N. E.* In claim 36, line 1, delete "36" and insert --28--; and delete "1" and insert --25--.

*N. E.* Please add the following new claims:

*S 29.* A longitudinally flexible stent for implanting in a body lumen, comprising;

a first cylindrically shaped element, a second cylindrically shaped element, a third cylindrically shaped element, up to an Nth cylindrically shaped element, the cylindrically shaped elements being generally independently expandable in the radial direction and generally aligned on a common longitudinal axis;